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~~SECRET SPOKE~~ SECTION ONE OF FOUR 2/067 [REDACTED] VCK-3/R29-66 PRELIMINARY AIR ACTIVITY REPORT INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN REPRESENTS PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF SIGINT AVAILABLE TO USJ-794 AS OF 151200Z DECEMBER 1966. SECTION ONE - SUMMARY OF AIR DEFENSE AND FLIGHT ACTIVITY FOR 13/14 DECEMBER 1966 DRV MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS FOR 14 DECEMBER REFLECTED THE REPORTED SHOOTDOWN OF ONE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT AND THE LAUNCHING OF ONE, POSSIBLY TWO MISSILES. OPERATIONAL REPORTS REFLECTED 50 SAM SIGHTINGS BY U.S. PILOTS AND THE LOSS OF TWO AIRCRAFT TO SAM'S, NEITHER OF WHICH COULD BE CORRELATED TO THE SHOOTDOWN REFLECTED IN MULTICHANNEL INTERCEPT (SECTION TWO). ADDITIONAL SAM LAUNCH DATA FOR 13 DECEMBER INDICATES THAT THE SAM SITE AT 2108N 10554E (V1439) FIRED THREE MISSILES, AND REPORTED THE DESTRUCTION OF ONE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. THE MISSILE LAUNCHES CORRELATED TO PILOT SIGHTINGS REFLECTED IN OPERATIONAL REPORTS FOR 13 DECEMBER; HOWEVER, THE REPORTED SHOOTDOWN DID NOT CORRELATE WITH OPERATIONAL DATA (SECTION THREE). ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONCERNING DRV MIG REACTIONS ON 13 DECEMBER WAS REFLECTED ON VHF TACTICAL VOICE FACILITIES, WITH A MINIMUM OF EIGHT HANOI GIA LAM BASED PROBABLE MIG-17'S REFLECTED IN DEFENSIVE PATROLS (SEE SECTION). SIGINT FOR 14 DECEMBER REFLECTED 30 ACTIVE BADAR STATIONS USING 57 PIECES OF RADAR EQUIPMENT. INTERCEPT OF DRV AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES REFLECTED 18 RADAR STATIONS REPORTING 804 TRACKS WITH THE SOUTHERN DRV THE MOST ACTIVE SECTOR WITH 347 TRACKS REPORTED. THE TRA TRANG RADAR STATION, IN THE SOUTHERN DRV, WAS THE MOST ACTIVE EARLY WARNING FACILITY WITH 133 TRACKS REFLECTED (SECTION FIVE, PART 1). COMINT REFLECTED 16 ACTIVE SAM SITES, WHILE ELINT IMPACTS WERE OBTAINED ON FOUR SAM SITES [REDACTED] (SECTION FIVE, PART 2). A TOTAL OF 21 MIG SORTIES WERE FLOWN ON 14 DECEMBER, WITH ACTIVITY CONSISTING OF AIR ENGAGEMENTS, NAVIGATIONAL TRAINING FLIGHTS, DEFENSIVE PATROLS AND INTER-AIRFIELD FLIGHTS. THE AIR ENGAGEMENTS INVOLVED FOUR PHUC YEN BASED PROBABLE MIG-21'S AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF U.S. AIRCRAFT AND RESULTED IN THE LOSS OF ONE F-105 (FOSDICK-3) TO A PROBABLE AAM. (SECTION FIVE, PART 3). SECTION TWO - MISSILE LAUNCHES ON 14 DECEMBER 1966. BETWEEN 0823Z AND 0911Z, DRV MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED, IN A POST LAUNCH REPORT, THE SHOOTDOWN OF ONE "HOSTILE" AIRCRAFT, PRIOR TO 0823Z, BY A SAM SITE POSSIBLE LOCATED IN THE HANOI AREA AND THE LAUNCH OF ONE, POSSIBLE TWO, SAM'S BY THIS SAM SITE AT APPROXIMATELY 0907Z. AT 0823Z, IN A FRAGMENTARY POST LAUNCH REPORT, AN UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER REPORTED LAUNCHING TWO MISSILES, AND STATED, "SHOT ONE DOWN, THERE WAS A PARACHUTE". AT 0904Z, AN UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER SAID, "IT EXPLODED THE TARGET RAID". FOLLOWING THIS IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE MISSILE EXPLODED AT AN ALTITUDE OF 9840 FEET. AT 0905Z, THE SAM SITE WAS INFORMED OF ANOTHER HOSTILE RAID NORTHEAST OF THE SITE, AND AT 0906Z, AN UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER SAID, "THERE IS ONE OF OUR AIRCRAFT AT 26,245 FEET". AT 0907Z, THE SOUND OF A MISSILE LAUNCH WAS AUDIBLE THROUGH OPEN MICROPHONE CONDITIONS AT THE SAM SITE AND IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THIS LAUNCH, A SPEAKER AT THE SAM SITE SAID, "START THE SECOND ONE". NO FURTHER REFERENCE TO A SECOND MISSILE HAVING POSSIBLE BEEN LAUNCHED WAS NOTED. AT 0908X, IT WAS REPORTED THAT ONE MISSILE

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HAS BEEN LAUNCH AT A SITE TO TARGET RANGE OF 13.5 NAUTICAL MILES, WHILE THE TARGET WAS AT AN ALTITUDE OF 16,400 FEET. NO FURTHER DATA ON MISSILE LAUNCHES WAS REFLECTED. AT 0910Z, A SPEAKER AT THE SITE ASK, "IS IT OURS OR THE ENEMIES?". IN REPLY, AN UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER SAID, "OURS IN THE NORTHWEST, RIGHT". OPERATIONAL REPORTS INDICATE THAT U.S. PILOTS SIGHTED AT LEAST 50 SURFACE TO AIR MISSILES ON 14 DECEMBER. THE LACK OF LAUNCH DATA ON THE MISSILE LAUNCHES REFLECTED ON DRV MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS, PRECLUDES DETERMINING WHETHER THESE LAUNCHES CORRELATE WITH ANY OF THE PILOTSIGHTINGS. TWO U.S. AIRCRAFT WERE LOST TO SAMs, ONE AT 2102H 10554E (REFFLASH 408) AND ONE AT 2000H 10551E (DECOY 513). REFLASH 408 WAS LOST IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF THESE LAUNCHES: HOWEVER, REDFLASH LEAD REPORTED NO PARACHUTE, WHILE DRV MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED TWO PARACHUTES, SUGGESTING THAT THE SHOOTDOWN REPORTED ON MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS WAS NOT THAT OF REDFLASH 408. SECTION THREE - MISSILE LAUNCHES ON 13 DECEMBER 1966. REFERENCE PAAR 2/867 IVCK-E/R28-66, SECTION THREE - MISSILE LAUNCHES ON 13 DECEMBER 1966. THE FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, REFLECTED ON DRV MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS, CONCERNING MISSILE LAUNCHES ON 13 DECEMBER. 850 HHHH

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